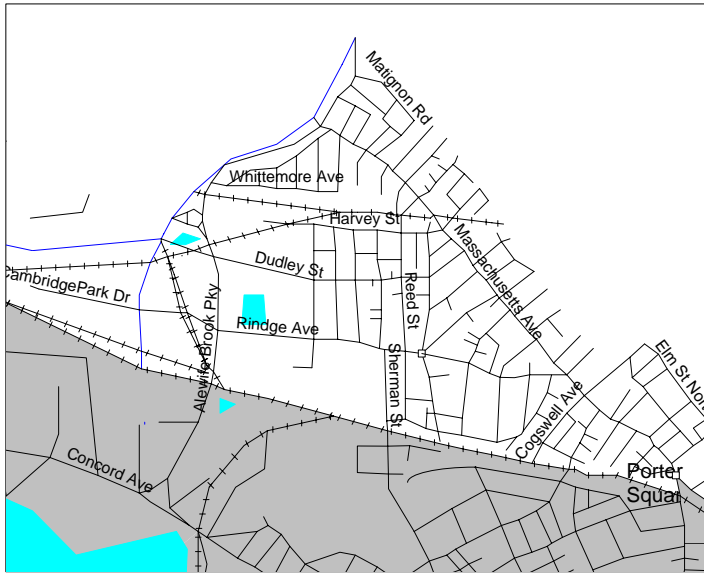
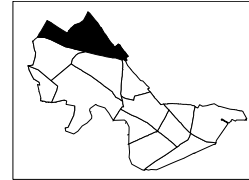


# NEIGHBORHOOD 11

## NORTH CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the Belmont line, the Arlington Line, the Somerville Line, Porter Square, and the B&M Railroad

**POPULATION:** 10,642 residents  
4,699 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$31,516

Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 11R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, JAN-JUNE 00 - 04

CRIME	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Housebreaks	13	12	32	24	22
Street Robbery	3	3	4	11	5
Auto Theft	18	14	20	14	18
Larceny from MVs	21	27	34	35	23
Malicious Destruction	41	68	58	56	37
Drug Incidents	4	8	5	5	10

#### 2004 FIRST HALF IN REVIEW

- Thirty-three of the 37 incidents of **malicious destruction** (89%) targeted an auto, either tire slashing, smashed windows, or other damage. Other incidents involved the windows of houses or businesses being smashed.
- Approximately 17% of the **cars targeted for larcenies** had their doors left unlocked, allowing access. Thirty percent of the cars had their windows smashed or locks picked. The majority of thefts were of miscellaneous personal items left in cars such as purses, cellphones or cash.
- The 2100-2500 blocks of Massachusetts Ave saw multiple mid-week **housebreaks** over the first six months of the year. Tuesdays and Wednesdays between noon and 2:30pm saw 66% of the housebreaks in the second quarter.
- The number of **auto thefts** doubled in the second quarter compared to the first. To date, 12 of the 18 cars reported stolen (66%) have been recovered.
- Five of the **drug incidents** were arrests for marijuana possession in various amounts; three were arrests for crack-cocaine, one for heroin possession and one arrest involved a forged prescription for drugs.

ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR NORTH CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank '81-'90*	1991-2002	Rank '91-'02*	Rank 2003*
Housebreaks	100	6	62	3	2
Street Robbery	30	5	20	3	3
Auto Theft	130	5	66	4	7
Larceny from MVs	105	6	63	7	4
Malicious Destruction	125	4	111	3	3

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

North Cambridge has the third highest population in the city. Its residences include a public housing development (Jefferson Park/Jackson Place) and the towering Fresh Pond Apartments. Within its confines are three major public parks (Rindge Field, Russell Field, and Linear Park), the bustling Porter Square, and the Alewife MBTA Station. Dozens of commercial establishments line Massachusetts Avenue. As with Mid-Cambridge, its elevated crime rate reflects its high residential and commercial population.

- **Housebreak** patterns tend to occur during the summer months. Incidents are scattered quite liberally throughout the neighborhood's residential population. Each year, the Crime Analysis Unit identifies two or three North Cambridge residential burglary patterns. North Cambridge's housebreak totals have decreased since the 1980s, but has steadily risen since 2000.
- **Street robberies** have traditionally been problematic in Russell Field, Linear Park, and around the Alewife MBTA Station. In the most common scenario, local (Cambridge or Somerville) youths will form packs and strong-arm victims walking in these areas late at night. The packs may brandish knives or the occasional handgun. This type of crime diminished in the late 1990's, but has spiked up again in 2003.
- **Auto theft** strikes Rindge Avenue (and particularly the Fresh Pond Apartments) in greater numbers than the rest of the neighborhood. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles** is reported less frequently.

